Chinese Nuclear Technology to Pakistan

2683. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the 'Hindustan Times' of November 5, 1992, to the effect that China has given Pakistan a proven design for a nuclear bomb;

(b) if so, whether Government have reviewed its nuclear policy in the light thereof; and

(c) what decisions have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government's consistent position has been to call for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons in a framework which is global and non-discriminatory. Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national interest.

SAARC Trade Pact

2684. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for aregional trade group for South Asian Countries has receive a set back as reported in the news-item entitled, "SAARC trade pact in jeopardy", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 5th November, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No Sir, A proposal for a SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement has been drawn up by the experts for consideration by the policy-making body of SAARC, which is the Council of Ministers. The 12th Council of Ministers meeting in Dhaka on December 10-11, will consider this proposal, As it is not possible to anticipate the decision of the Ministers, the report indicating that the SAARC trade pact is "in jeopardy" should be considered as incorrect.

(b) Question does not arise.

Placing Nuclear Installation under International Safeguards

2685. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to subject India's nuclear Installations to the fullscope safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

South Asia as a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone

2686. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States has decided to free South Asia from nuclear weapons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and